

## PRESCHOOL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE

Parents play a key role in the development of their child's speech and language skills. Many parents want to help their child but are not sure exactly what to do. Once your child starts therapy, the speech language pathologist will have specific goals to work on with your child.

In the meantime, The Hanen Centre is an organization that focuses on early speech and language intervention. They have great information, resources, tip sheets and inspiring stories available for parents and caregivers. Please feel free to explore this website (see following links) and discover new ways to communicate with your child and help them develop their speech and language skills.

If you would like a printed copy of any of these resources, please contact us and we would be glad to help.

### Hanen Resources:

Having Fun with Hanen (great ideas for play activities):

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Fun-Activities.aspx>

Tips for Parents:

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Parent-Tips.aspx>

What Parents Need to Know:

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/When-You-Are-Concerned.aspx>

Building Communication in Children with Autism:

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Autism-Corner.aspx>

Early Literacy Corner:

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/Early-Literacy-Corner.aspx>

Technology Corner:

<http://www.hanen.org/Helpful-Info/technology-corner.aspx>

### Other useful links:

Child Development Programs: Being the Bridge:

<https://childdevelopmentprograms.ca/elearning-modules/being-the-bridge/>

Growth Charts (informative video on how children develop speech and language)  
[https://players.brightcove.net/2032363973001/H1eWN6t3Yb\\_default/index.html?videoId=5754385780001](https://players.brightcove.net/2032363973001/H1eWN6t3Yb_default/index.html?videoId=5754385780001)

Baby Navigator: What every parent needs to know  
[https://navigatorcommunity.info/Join\\_Baby\\_Navigator/Join\\_Baby\\_Navigator\\_EN.pdf](https://navigatorcommunity.info/Join_Baby_Navigator/Join_Baby_Navigator_EN.pdf)  
(American site by Amy Wetherby). Canadian parents can register.  
<https://babynavigator.com/magic/>  
<https://babynavigator.com/lookbooks/>  
<https://lovetalkplay.org/> (quite good!)

Early Abilities – Face to Face  
<https://www.toronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/964f-tph-ea-help-your-child-now-factsheet-eng-2016.pdf>